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**Amendments To The Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 1A and 1B show[[s]] a comparison of the amino acid sequences of pantothenate synthetases from corn (SEQ ID NOs:2 and 4), eucalyptus (SEQ ID NO:7), soybean (SEQ ID NO:9), tulip (SEQ ID NO:11), and wheat (SEQ ID NO:13) compared with the rice and lotus (SEQ ID NOs:14 and 15) sequences found in PCT application WO 99/42565 published August 26, 1999. The sequences all start at the methionine codon believed to be the amino terminus of each protein (the amino-terminal extensions from wheat and eucalyptus have been removed for the alignment and in the estimation of percent identity found in Table 4).